

CAMP WIZNER, Ypsilanti. }
Saturday, March 8th, 1862. }

Mr. Barron.—To day has been a day of presentation. "From morn till dewy eve," has been one continual round of rejoicing and cheering, proceeding from the hearts as well as the throats of our brave boys of the Fourteenth. At 9 o'clock A. M. Companies A, D, and K, assembled on the parade ground under the direction of their respective Orderly Sergeants, A. C. Spears, J. W. Myres Geo. F. Foote and N. Clark, and an escort was dispatched, who soon returned with our worthy Major M. W. Quackenbush. The commissioned officers of the different companies were invited, and in the presence of these four companies and their officers, the field officers of the regiment, and a large concourse of citizens, Orderly Sergeant George F. Foote, in an appropriate address presented to Major M. W. Quackenbush, of Owosso, a splendid horse, saddle, and pair of revolvers, in behalf of the non-commissioned officers and privates of companies A, D, E. and K. Our gallant Major was deeply affected at this mark of esteem, and the Lansing boys are proud of being associated in such a laudable enterprise. After the presentation, the four companies, escorted by our splendid regimental band, under the direction of Mr. C. Alsdorf, of Lansing, and commanded by the Major, mounted on his newly acquired charger, marched through the city, the Major taking leave of us at his hotel with a few pertinent and feeling remarks in acceptance of the gift.

About noon Captain Jas. J. Jeffres received a message at his hotel that his presence was requested at the "quarters" of Co. D. He promptly attended the call, and on arriving at the barracks, he found the company drawn up with beaming faces, and speaking eyes, and things generally denoted that something was "in the wind." The officers looked expectant, the Orderly enthusiastic, and the company mysterious. At last things came to a head by the advent of a magnificent sword, produced from some mysterious hiding-place by Orderly Sergeant J. W. Myres, who, with an appropriate speech presented it to the captain in behalf of the non-commissioned officers and privates of Co. D. It was accepted by the Captain with some affecting remarks, accompanied by a pledge that it would never be sheathed until this rebellion was crushed out and peace restored to our land. The sword is a splendid piece of workmanship, from the hands of Skyler, Hartley, and Graham, of New York, and ordered expressly for us at a cost of \$58.00, and bearing the inscription, "Presented to Capt. Jas. J. Jeffres by the non-commissioned officers and privates of Co. D, 14th Michigan Infantry, Camp Wizner, March 8th, 1862." It was accompanied by a regulation belt of the best material and workmanship. The Captain and also the Lieutenants, have received as marks of the respect and esteem of our company towards them, beautiful regulation army hats valued at ten dollars each.

At 2 o'clock the Regiment, numbering nearly one thousand men, was marched to the spacious grounds east of the city that had been fitted up for the occasion. Arrived there, our hearts were made to bound and, in the language of Gov. Blair on the occasion, we were made to "feel a little taller" by the presentation of a beautiful stand of regimental colors. The presentation was made by Prof. J. M. Sill, in behalf of the ladies of Ypsilanti, and especially those of the "Ladies Soldiers' Aid Society," with an appropriate address. Col. R. P. Sinclair accepted the splendid gift with a soul-stirring speech, and was followed by Gov. Blair, Major Quackenbush and others. Then the voice of Prof. Foote rose clear and strong in the inspiring air and words of the "Star Spangled banner," assisted in the chorus by the regiment and the band. After this, Prof. Foote together with the regiment, accompanied by the band, sang the "Wolverine Fourteenth," a song composed expressly for our regiment, a copy of which I send you for publication. The exercises over, we paraded through the streets of the city, with our beautiful banner floating proudly between the platoons of the color company of the regiment, headed by our gallant and beloved field officers, marching to the music of our splendid martial and regimental bands, every man fully equipped, with his best habiliments, and it was a sight Michigan might well be proud of. We returned to the barracks, where three volleys were fired by company B, and thus ended a day of presentations.

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